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Westly Calls on Carmakers to Reveal Enviro Harm

SACRAMENTO – Controller Steve Westly today called on carmakers – beginning with the biggest, GM and Toyota – to follow Ford's lead and issue public reports on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions generated by their cars and factories.

Ford issued the auto industry's first ever report on its environmental impact today, following pressure from shareholders including members of the Global Warming Watch, a coalition created by Westly last year.

“We can't find a comprehensive solution to global warming until car companies disclose the damage they're doing,” Westly said. “The world's automakers, starting with the biggest – GM and Toyota – need to follow Ford's lead and get serious about global warming.”

Westly launched the Global Warming Watch in November 2004 to push automakers to build cleaner cars and operate more cleanly. The coalition includes the nation's three largest pension funds – CalPERS, CalSTRS and the New York Common Retirement Fund – along with New York City Comptroller William Thompson and Connecticut Treasurer Denise Nappier. Together, these funds own more than \$2 billion in auto company stock.

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